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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED
UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Dr. Spaulding of Portland, was in town, Sunday.

William Holmes was in West Paris last Friday.

L. E. Jones of Bangor, was in our village, Friday.

R. W. Glidden returned from Presque Isle, Thursday.

W. J. Wheeler of South Paris, was in town, Saturday.

C. E. Tolman of South Paris, was in town, Saturday.

The Literary Society meets this afternoon at half past two, with Mrs. C. O. Foster.

Don't fail to take advantage of our premium offers. Remember they close Jan. 1st.

Bowler, the Photographer is having a rushing business. He made eleven sittings, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bowler of Palermo, who have been visiting their sons in town returned home, Friday.

A. A. Edson of Chester, Vt., general agent for the Mosler & Stoddard Co. of Rutland, Vt., was in town, Thursday.

N. K. Bennett of Wilson's Mills brought a pair of pumpkins to our office last week. They are each perfectly formed and are attached to the entire length of one side including the stems.

Services will be held at the Universalist church next Sabbath, appropriate to Christmas. Sermon in the forenoon; Fillmore's concert exercise, entitled "Christmas Glory," in the evening.

The subject of the discourse at the M. E. church next Sunday morning will be "The Winning Souls," and in the evening the pastor, by request, will repeat a sermon preached a few weeks ago entitled "Criminality of the Liquor Traffic."

With this issue there appears the last of the series of interesting scientific articles by Dr. J. G. Gehring on "The World of the Infinitely Little." We have the promise of Dr. Gehring to furnish us with more material of like interest in the shape of articles that will appear in the columns of the News every second week, and it is with pleasure that we are enabled to make this announcement to our readers.

Card of Thanks.
I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted me during the sickness and death of my beloved husband, and showed sympathy in the hours of my bereavement.
Mrs. Sarah S. Kilborn.

An Unusual Criticism.
One lady came to our office to examine the books, three of which we give for a new subscriber if it is obtained before Jan. 1st, and after looking them over remarked: "Those are nice books and you are foolish to give more than one." This is true, but we promised three and so to all who get us a subscriber before Jan. 1st, we will give three.

Word Contest.
Here is another chance to get a nice gold watch. We want the boys and girls to see how many correct words they can get using the letters found in the words WORD CONTEST. You may use any letter as many times as you wish in different words, but only as many times in the same word as its found in the above words. In order to compete for this prize, all you need to do is to secure a three months' subscription at 35 cents or send 15 cents in stamps. Ask all questions necessary that you may understand about this and send in your list of words before Jan. 1st. The one getting the largest number of words will get a nice gold watch.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore required constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure in the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It cures in one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Martha's Vineyard.

A full history of Indian work has never been written, but there is abundant material for this in the many letters and pamphlets still extant. We get from the early historians and writers some glimpses into the social life of the Indians and some idea as to their manners and customs, but so great was the prejudice of many, that unfair judgment must be presumed in many cases.

Josselyn says, "Towns they have none, being always removing from one place to another for convenience of food, sometimes to those places where one sort of fish is most plentiful, other whiles where others are. I have seen half a hundred of their wigwams together in a piece of ground and they showed prettily; within a day or two or a week they have been all dispersed."

Speaking of children, he says, "their names they give them when they are men grown." This practice will account for the sometimes appropriate names they receive.

The claim of the Indians to the lands found in their possession when Europeans first came to America has been questioned by many able and wise men. Almost universally it has been regarded as theirs only in a qualified sense. The Indians as individuals, had not, by their own usages, claims to the lands they occupied. The title such as it was, was with the sachem. He might, if he would, dispose of any of his lands and his subjects were without redress if not without cause of complaint.

After the death of Miltark, his son and heir, made sale of all his right and title to Gay Head lands to Gov. Thomas Dongan, afterwards Earl of Limerick, May 6, 1687. Some twenty years afterwards the Earl of Limerick sold this territory to the "Company for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England and parts adjacent, in America," for the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money. Both before and after the sale by the Earl of Limerick, complaints were made to the General Court by the Indians, who doubtless believed themselves to suffer the wrongs they complained of. The Indians claimed that Miltark settled upon his sons this land to be used for the Indians and never to be sold or alienated from them, and to prove it they produced an old writing. Upon inquiry into the truth of it, an Indian came before the committee and owned that he wrote it long after Miltark's death. Other Indians testified to the statement so there is good reason to think the writing forged.

The proofs were laid before the governor and council and finally it was settled that the natives should inhabit a portion of land at Gay Head and that they should pay to the company and its successors before referred to annually, one ear of Indian corn for each family, and that the Indians should be under the government and direction of the company. Evidence exists of the control exercised for years, by the corporation, over the lands of Gay Head and elsewhere at Martha's Vineyard, by the purchase made by the Earl of Limerick; but no record has yet been found showing a conveyance of their rights. In fact the corporation itself, one of the earliest missionary organizations in the world, with all its lands, titles and an accumulated mass of valuable papers, seems to have vanished about the period of the American Revolution. After the Revolution these Indians, like others, were wards of the State and could make no sale of their lands except to other members of the tribe.

The first step taken towards the adjustment of land titles was by the legislature of 1863 which provided that the treasurer of the Marshpee Indians be authorized "to examine and fully and finally to determine all boundary lines between the individual owners of land located in the Indian district of Gay Head, in the county of Dukes County and also to determine the boundary line between the common lands of said districts and the individual owners of said lands."

The Indian population has gradually declined. In 1642, Mr. Mayhew estimated the number of Indians as three thousand. In 1693, Matthew Mayhew gives the number as one thousand. In 1720, Experience Mayhew says, "At present there are on the Vineyard 155 families and the number of souls about 800." In 1747, twenty-six houses and one hundred thirteen souls were reported on Gay Head. In 1764, there were remaining in Dukes County three hundred thirteen Indians, eighty-six in Edgartown, thirty-nine in Tisbury and one hundred eighty-eight in Chilmark.

About that period they began to intermarry with negroes so that

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When trying to give a correct description of a city in such a manner as to make it plain to others, one hardly knows where to commence; but without doubt some progressive business man will exclaim, "Why, of course, describe the manufacturing interest!"

The "Watch City," as Waltham is usually called in the State, is considering its size, emphatically a noisy one; it contains between twenty-five and thirty thousand inhabitants.

Place number one, for noise, we will call the railroad station on the Fitchburg line, where forty-five passenger trains each way halt daily to and from Boston, not counting the freight and through express trains; this is the main station, there being six others, three within the city limits, the remaining three on the outskirts of the town.

The Massachusetts Central road lies in the northern part of the city, thus accommodating the inhabitants for whom the Fitchburg is too far away for convenience in their daily journeys to their business.

The street railway service is extensive, the cars traversing all the business streets, passing in either direction once in seven and a half minutes; three branches of the system go to West Newton, and Newtonville, with another branch extends to Watertown thus connecting with other lines, so the trip can be made this way to Boston wholly by electric, as well as where the Newton branches connect with other lines running out from Boston.

The Watch factory, situated on Crescent street, on the bank of the Charles river, has been described too many times for me to attempt to tell of anything new in connection with that busy hive; for when the closing bell rings at twelve and six o'clock, and two thousand employes swarm through the outer doors, it resembles that symbol of industry in a very convincing manner.

Not far from the Watch factory is the Horological school for those students who do not think they know quite all there is to be learned in the jeweler's trade.

Close by the Fitchburg station is situated one of the cotton mills employing about eighteen hundred people, another factor for the distribution of work and money among the laboring population; near this is the power house which furnishes the electricity for lighting the mill and streets as well as furnishing the motive power for the street railway.

Besides these industries, there is another mill farther down the river; near by is the Bleachery, as it is called, which is a village by itself, consisting of the men who work here, and their families.

One evening last week the Foundry building went up—or down, just as one prefers—in flames and smoke, destroying a large amount of patterns, castings and machinery; the owners will rebuild at once, but in the meanwhile one hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment.

On the opposite side of the city is the paper mill, as well as the buckle factory where are made buckles of every kind and size.

Add to all these industries the hosts of people who are engaged in the various trades, those connected with the railroad stations, the number employed in stores of all kinds, which are like the sands of the sea as far as counting them, and some idea can be formed of the workers.

Through the various sections of the city, wherever dwellings predominate, there in a convenient corner or square, one will discover a school building; it is hardly to be decided as to the motive in regard to some of the locations, whether the school board was considerate as to walking distances for the children or a laudable desire to keep the households in these sections fully awake; for like children the world over, each one considers it his or her duty to shout as loudly as possible, on all occasions, and as there are half a dozen of these buildings containing more than that number in hundreds of children, the noise is better appreciated at a distance.

The Board, I give it the capital letter, for some of the members regard it that way, have a serious problem before them; whether to enlarge the High School building or erect a new one, as the entering class this fall added to the three classes already there overflowed by thirty-seven its seating capacity.

A strong effort is being made, which is likely to succeed, to establish a business college; with so

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many departments of learning ready for any to enter who wish, it is surely one's own fault if he be deprived of accumulating a little of the book knowledge so freely offered.

The night school is in a flourishing condition; more than a hundred taking advantage of the extremely favorable terms that are extended; the number of evenings is sixty, three each week, for the low price of one dollar; if any scholar is absent no more than ten evenings from the entire number, the money is returned.

In religious faith one is able to find the church home that suits him best, as there are fourteen different denominations in town.

The political pot is boiling furiously at present; with four candidates for Mayor, the city is in a stirred-up condition; as the contents of said pot are stirred by the daily papers, first one candidate and then another rises to the surface, according to the political faith, or personal like or dislike on the part of the editors. To-morrow is the day for election, and, as all four cannot possibly be successful, by evening part of the city will be shrouded in gloom, mentally if not outwardly.

Hattie L. Foster.

Christmas Sale.
The Ladies' Club of the Congregational church will hold a Christmas Sale at Garland Memorial chapel, on Thursday evening, December 16.

The tables will present a tempting display of articles to meet the demands of tastes of all kinds, and purses of all lengths—with special regard to those of diminutive proportions—from staid, matter-of-fact aprons and mittens, to dainty, dainty dainties and dainties.

The candy table will have a choice array of delicious confections, and will be presided over by gracious young maidens who will rival their wares in sweetness.

During the evening a short literary and musical programme will be given. The mere announcement of the names of those who are to take part affords ample assurance of an entertainment of a high order. With Miss Mayo, Miss Deering and Mr. Hanscom as readers, Mrs. Gehring and Miss Lillian True as pianists, and Miss Florence Carter and Mr. Field as vocalists, the Club is sure of being able to give their patrons a wholly delightful hour.

Ice cream and cake will be on sale during the evening.

Admission free, and the public most urgently invited.

Great Bell of China.
For the last 400 years China's bell of liberty, the largest and most beautiful bell in the world, has been ringing in Pekin.

There are two other bells of liberty, one in Mandelay and the other in Moscow. They are both unhung and the latter is cracked and defective.

China's bell is in many respects the finest work of art in the country and could not be duplicated by any western foundries of civilization. It weighs 120,000 pounds, is 14 feet high, has a circumference of 34 feet and is nearly a foot thick. It has not a flaw or defect and is completely covered in relief, both inside and out, with myriads of Chinese characters, each an inch in size. They form prayers from Buddha.

It is one of the ideas of the Buddhists that the prayers of the faithful may be infinitely and acceptably repeated by mechanical helps, such, for instance, as the revolving of wheels. So when this wonderful bell rings it breathes forth the aspirations of the faithful.

Old chronicles state that it was a time of suspense throughout Pekin when the molten metal was about to be poured into the lettered matrix. The artists who so successfully accomplished the casting of this great bell were not only congratulated by their priests and followers, but they were ennobled by the emperor, while their work itself is as much of a credit to them to-day as it was then.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at G. R. Wiley's, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond drug store.

Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well.

The World of the Infinitely Little.

BY J. G. GEHRING, M. D.
No. 11, Last Paper.

With this last and concluding paper of the series upon "The World of the Infinitely Little," the writer would like to touch upon some other wonders that are now taking place in the world at large and that concern our constantly increasing knowledge of the agency of the minute organisms we have been discussing in the production of disease.

Away off in South Africa, under the flag of Great Britain, the famous German scientist, Dr. Koch, is being employed by the authorities to find out some way in which to overcome the dread Rinderpest that is decimating the herds of cattle upon that continent. Though he does not seem as yet to have succeeded in detecting the special bacillus, he nevertheless claims to have isolated a peculiar virus which by inoculation is expected to protect the animals and meet the plague successfully.

Whilst Koch has been trying to isolate the microbe that has destroyed the cattle of the South African Continent, the people in far away Australia have started to cultivate a deadly bacillus that they hope may save their country from the devastation wrought by millions and millions of rabbits. Within the past seven years the government of New South Wales has expended the enormous sum of \$4,000,000 in the hitherto futile attempts to exterminate the rabbit pest. One quarter of a million have been expended in building a little less than one thousand miles of rabbit-proof fencing, but despite this the rabbits increase and multiply. It is in the colony of Queensland that the experiment of enlisting the microbe has been determined upon. They are making cultures of the bacillus of chicken cholera, first isolated by the great French savant, Pasteur, and are scattering it over the country where the rabbits prevail, concealed on pellets of pollard. Up to the latest reports, however, it does not seem that any great degree of success has been attained.

But a very different triumph has been achieved within a few years in a small principality of the Austrian Empire. There arose a great plague of field mice, so serious in its nature as to destroy the entire crops over a large tract of country. All grass and growing things were gnawed off before they were half grown, and a universal blight threatened the people. In desperation the authorities cast about for relief, and amongst other things bethought themselves of the resources of modern science. An emissary was dispatched in haste to a famous scientist in southern Germany who was reputed as doing great things in the study of bacteria, and the case was urged upon his consideration. This savant at once set to work preparing the culture of a special bacillus which was known to produce a certain disease in larger animals, but when inoculated into mice, produced blood poisoning or septicemia. With this prepared culture he repaired to the distressed country and was given carte blanche by the authorities.

A small area was at once set aside for experimental purposes. A force of assistants was put at his disposal and their first duty was to discover as many burrows of mice as was possible. At the openings of these burrows there were placed small pieces of bread, upon which had been dropped minute quantities of the bacillus culture, and then the experimenters had to wait a few anxious days for whatever results there might be. They had not long to wait: Uncovering some burrows and following them along in their underground course, dead field mice were found in all stages of decay. They had eaten eagerly of the bread and at once the subtle virus, produced by the cunning of man, had begun its deadly work. Dying, dead and putrescent mice were all around, and what must have been still more horrible to any spectator from the mouse-standpoint, the mice that had died had been partly eaten by the survivors, and thus the scourge was multiplied a thousand fold. Within three weeks from the inauguration of this massacre the pestilence among the mice had spread so rapidly that not one could be found in the entire district.

Turning now from the discussion of the action of bacteria, the poisons which they produce, and for whose overcoming man has learned to use their own after-products, their antitoxins, it may be of interest to know a little about certain protective substances that act similarly to bacterial antitoxins but which do not owe their origin to the primary agency of microbes.

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Everybody knows what is the result of a mosquito bite and what happens after a bee sting. To be sure people are very differently affected by these things, some more seriously than others, nevertheless almost every person suffers some inconvenience and there are some who are seriously poisoned. This latter is particularly the case with those to whom it is a new experience, whilst on the other hand, people who are much exposed to the bites of mosquitoes and black flies soon become indifferent to them. The same is true of persons who are frequently stung by bees; the time comes when they suffer no more disturbance and are indifferent to their stings. There is good authority now to believe that the system of such persons has become vaccinated against the poison secreted by the insect and that a certain antitoxin has been manufactured by their bodies that renders them no longer susceptible.

Over a large part of the earth's surface there prevail miasmatic diseases that endanger the lives of the white races and act as almost insurmountable barriers to their settlement and civilization. These diseases are malarial in their character and are sufficiently evidence in our own country where they extend with varying lines about as far north as the forty-fifth degree of latitude. To these the white man has always been peculiarly sensitive and he does not seem to grow indifferent to them. It is likewise a disease caused by an organism in the blood but of a far different character than the bacteria and standing much higher in the scale of animal life. But with the colored race it is different. For countless generations they have lived in tropical regions and have long since developed an immunity in their tissues against any further susceptibility. In their bodies has been developed the antidote against the organism known as the plasmodium of malaria, by reason of this, theirs is the first right to the soil and they are entitled to its inheritance by that old decree of nature called the law of heredity, for they "have grown up with the country" and they are as a race vaccinated against malaria.

There is one more discovery of which the writer wishes to speak under this subject, and that is to call attention to the interesting fact that there is now also the possibility of being "vaccinated" against the bites of poisonous snakes. As long ago as 1887 it was known that animals could acquire a certain immunity against the venom of the rattlesnake. This may be produced in two different ways. If very small doses of the virus of the snake be taken and injected into an animal, certain poisoning symptoms will be produced, but if the amount of virus be small enough the disturbance to the animal's health will be correspondingly small. If now there be made repeated injections of gradually increasing doses, the animal so treated continues to resist their action to a constantly increasing degree until in time, the amount of rattlesnake or cobra virus tolerated by the body of the animal will exceed many times the original amount that would have produced death. Another way of producing immunity is by the successive injections of venom that has previously been mixed with certain chemicals, among which may be mentioned chloride of gold and the hypochlorides of lime or of soda. The blood serum of an animal thus treated, when injected into another in proper proportions, will protect the latter against a definite amount of snake venom, or will save its life if it be already inoculated with the poison. But as relates to the practical application of the inoculation of man against snake venom, the process has not yet been completed—though it doubtless will be in course of time.

The enormous significance of the scientific research in the field of bacteriology and serum therapy is scarcely to be estimated. In hardly any branch of science have there appeared more wonderful vistas of promise and with none does the happiness and usefulness of the human race seem so indissolubly linked as with the future of medicine and its kindred branches.

Wise Sayings.
Who wastes the present hour wastes all the time he has.
Rest is not always rust, but often it is fitting one's self for one's sphere.
Communion with the best minds is the means of making our own minds better.
Honorable E. S. Phelps says: "Whoever never makes a mistake, never makes anything."
In helpfulness to others, man best helps himself. Moderation best serves the cause of happiness.
Noble desires, unless filled up with action, are but a shell of gold, hollow within.

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Bethel, Maine, Dec. 15th, 1897.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Elmer Stiles of Mason, was
in town, Sunday.
Calvin Bisbee is recovering from
his recent injury.

C. P. Pingree of Albany, was in
our village yesterday on business.

Mr. Clinton Lovejoy and family
have gone to their home in Andover.

Mrs. L. M. Valentine has been
visiting her sister, Mrs. Bean, in
Norway.

Try a barrel of Rob Roy flour and
you will use no other. C. Bisbee,
agent.

Rev. Mr. Barton will speak next
Sabbath forenoon on the subject of
"Giving."

Mrs. Sarah W. Foster went to
Brunswick, Saturday, to visit her
son, Robert.

Mr. Ed. Wordmund has moved
his family into the George Hag-
good rent.

A. E. Herrick, Esq., who has
been suffering from an attack of
the grip is convalescent.

After once using Pine Tree
Linen you will have no other.
For sale by all stationers. Try a
box.

Martin A. Stowell has returned
home from South Paris, where he
has been at work at his trade the
past summer.

Dr. Gehring has been in Port-
land this week attending the con-
vention of the Academy of Medi-
cine and Science.

The Columbian Club will meet
at the home of the Secretary, Mrs.
O. M. Mason, on Saturday after-
noon at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Maud Mayo, the popular
teacher of elocution was in Bethel
last week, making arrangements
for her winter's work.

In Biddeford, Dec. 1st, Miss Rose
Bird, (formerly of Albany), and
Mr. Hooper of Biddeford, were
united in marriage.

The person who lost volume
1693 of the Bethel Library can
find it by calling on Mrs. Stowell
at 18 Elm street of this village.

There will be a Christmas ser-
vice at the Congregational church
next Sunday evening. Special
music will be prepared by the choir.

The Gospel Temperance meet-
ing which was to have been held
at the M. E. church next Sunday
evening, will be postponed until
further notice.

The Misses Christie and Trema
Brown of Mason, made their
friends a pleasant call last Sat-
urday. Miss Christie has just closed
a successful term of school in
Gilead.

The Christian Endeavor was
well represented at Mechanic
Falls, last week. Miss Alberta
Burnham, Emma Jones, Alice
Purinton, Geneva Hutchins, Rev.
Israel Jordan and T. B. Kendall,
attended.

Mrs. Ina M. Kinnie, who has
been visiting relatives and friends
in this village has returned to
Portland, where she is employed
as a nurse. A kind heart and a
willing hand win words of com-
mendation from those for whom
she is called to care.

W. S. Wight left Monday for
Rumford Falls, where he has been
engaged to instruct a class, which
is already formed, of one hundred
voices; he is to instruct them in
sight singing, also direct the ad-
vanced singers in orchestra work;
their objects to form a Festival
chorus.

The good housekeeper bids fair
to be relieved of quite an amount
of cooking as the Bethel court is
looking after the tramps.
Every city and town makes ample
provision for its worthy poor, but
the ordinary tramp and extraordi-
nary tramp, dressed in brown
clothes and kid gloves, needs no
encouragement.

PREMIUM No. 8.
A FINE EASTMAN CAMERA FOR 4
NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The funniest fun a boy can have
is to take a picture of everything
he sees. Get the camera and join
in the fun.

PREMIUM No. 9.
A NICE PAIR OF SKATES WITH
EVERY NEW SUBSCRIBER.

Hurry up boys, the snow will
soon spoil your fun.

PREMIUM No. 10.
A SUNRISE ALARM CLOCK WITH
EVERY NEW SUBSCRIBER.

Don't sleep with one eye open
any longer, but let us give you
something that delights in wak-
ing you when both eyes are shut.

Christmas Counters.

Twelve months in the year each
with its pleasures, surprises, and
sorrows, but not one brightens more
homes with joy and saddens more
with disappointment, than Decem-
ber, bringing, as it does, Christmas,
that day for which thousands of
boys and girls have anxiously
waited, to see what Santa Claus
would bring. Many will receive
the very thing for which they had
hoped, as many more will get
something of which they had not
thought but that will please them
quite as much as the thing for
which they had hoped; while a
largest class, and may it not be the
largest class of the three, will re-
ceive a painful disappointment
which they will feel when many
have ceased to rejoice over their
beautiful presents.

Having a few spare moments
yesterday we took a stroll about
town among our advertisers to see
if they had done their part to pro-
vide a merry Christmas.

Knowing that G. R. Wiley usually
makes a specialty of holiday
goods, we called upon him and
truly we were surprised to find
such a beautiful display of nice
Christmas goods. In his cases
may be seen a full line of
celluloid novelties, toilet sets, man-
icure sets, albums, scrap books,
glove cases, handkerchief cases,
pocketbooks, wallets, standard
books and booklets, atomizers, per-
fumes, writing desks, writing table-
ts, games, toys and various other
articles too numerous to mention,
at prices within the reach of all.

Mr. Wiley exercised much care
in selecting these goods and has a
selection which would do honor to
the stores in any of our larger
places.

Then we pass across the way
to the large store of Hastings
Bros. and look in vain for an
article in the china line not
found upon their long counter in
the front of the store. They have
a full line of lamps, decorated
china, dinner sets, glass sets, vases,
fruit dishes, cake plates, bread and
milk sets, carving sets, etc., etc.
etc. Drop in and see for yourself
and we are sure you will agree
with us.

L. O. Hall as usual has every-
thing that you can think of, and
is busy all of the time adminis-
tering to the wants of the multitudes
which throng his store. She has
a nice line of celluloid goods, in-
cluding toilet cases, manicure sets,
necktie boxes, jewel boxes, diaries,
fancy ink wells, frames (all prices)
a choice selection of busts, plaques,
photo medallions, and an exceed-
ingly large assortment of toys,
games, etc. Call in children and
see her moving toys; we had fun
watching them and know you will.

E. E. Burnham in addition to
her large stock of millinery and
fancy goods, has also her special
Christmas counter. Among the
various articles noted we would
mention Rebekah pins, dainty
silver articles for the toilet and
work tables, and a large line of
linen, fancy, and silk handker-
chiefs.

We next entered Miss Sarah
Hall's store and when we looked
over her counters of toys for the
children it almost made us wish
we were a child and could hang
our stockings and get some of those
pretty things. Really we would
not know what to select but we
were perfectly willing for Santa Claus
to close his eyes and take the first
thing he happened to touch. Miss
Hall has also a nice line of fancy
goods, fancy china, novelties, boys'
writing desks, books, booklets,
fancy stationery, etc.

On entering King's jewelry store
we were impressed with the decided
improvement of his new store over
the one he recently vacated. The
area of the new one is over twice
that of the old, and it is arranged
to display to better advantage his
well selected stock which is larger
than ever before. Besides his regu-
lar stock he has bought a great
many desirable articles in sterling
silver novelties and jewelry, es-
pecially for the holiday trade.
His present location is the best one
in town for his business and, much
more convenient for his many cus-
tomers.

Mr. King says he intends to
make his the best jewelry store in
Oxford county. We found many ar-
ticles in his stock not usually seen
in stores outside the large cities.

Ceylon Rowe has as usual, a large
variety of fancy tablecloths,
gloves, neckties, handkerchiefs,
toilet cases, fancy china rose jars,
pocket cutlery, and silverware, in-
cluding orange spoons, soup ladles,
knives, forks, spoons, pie knives,
etc.

G. P. Bean has in addition to
the large stock which he always
carries, a nice line of fancy hand-
kerchiefs, neck scarfs, gloves, table
covers, sofa pillows, and parlor
lamps.

We were particularly pleased at
the collection of dollies, picture
frames, and whisk broom holders
made by Mrs. E. E. Whitney and
on exhibition in the show window
of King's jewelry store. They are
very pretty and will make nice
presents. Don't fail to see them.

PREMIUM No. 7.
A \$75 BICYCLE.

We offer three chances to get
this wheel. 1st, by getting 50 new
subscribers. 2nd, by getting 40
subscribers and paying \$10. 3rd,
by getting 30 new subscribers and
paying \$20.00.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

to think of Christmas presents. What shall
you get? That's the question. Let me give you
a helpful hint.

STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES

are very popular gifts—dainty, useful and de-
sirable. I have many New Novelties, made from
latest designs.

Button Hooks, Paper Knives,
Shoe Horns, Pen Stocks,
Pen Trays, Glove Buttoners,
Embroidery Scissors, Pocket Scissors,
Mustache Combs, Bonnet Brushes,
Hair Brushes, Whisk Brooms.
These and many other Silver mounted goods;
or you can find something appropriate for every
member of the family in my stock of Jewelry and
Silverware. Come in and look round, anyway,
and see my new store—Next to Post Office.

EDWARD KING,

Jeweler and Optician,
CROSS BLOCK, NEXT TO POST OFFICE,
BETHEL, ME.

The Festival Chorus.

As a serious misunderstanding
seems to have interfered with the
opening of the new year of study in
this most valuable chorus, we are
glad to have a definite statement
authorized by Mr. Chapman and
given to the chorus by Mr. Chase,
which we hope will allay the fears
of the singers—who really wish to
avail themselves of what they are
quick to recognize as the great
musical opportunity of their lives—
in regard to the financial de-
mands to be made upon them.

Each chorus is entirely governed
by its own board of officers.
Neither Mr. Chapman or Mr. Chase
have any authority over the finan-
cial interests of the local choruses
all over the State.

Our chorus has decided, through
its officers, that a certain sum shall
be paid the director and accompa-
nist, and that they will be respon-
sible for the use of the chapel,
piano, etc. For this sum they
have assessed the members fifty
cents for their first quarter's in-
struction. Two concerts are to be
given during the year, and it is
believed that no further assess-
ment will be required. The book
containing all the music that will
be sung—a library in itself—costs
one dollar and twenty-five cents.
So much for the chorus expenses
during a year of inspiring work.

If the chorus wishes to join the
Festival Chorus next fall and come
under the famous baton, with its
now well-recognized privileges,
they are to secure half as many
patrons as there are members in
the chorus, and with that list they
are entitled to the hospitality of
Portland, without further expense.

Could anything be clearer or
fairer? Let Mr. Chase's letter set
its seal upon our future, and put
at rest all the doubts and fears
that have agitated not only mus-
ical friends, but other friends of
the coming Festival of '98. The
chorus is working bravely under
Mrs. Gehring's care during the di-
rector's absence, and all are antici-
pating much pleasure when once
more settled down at work under
Mr. Snyder's faithful leadership.

Following is Mr. Chase's letter:
Auburn, Me., Dec. 6, 1897.

Dear Mr. Gehring,
I had a call from Mr. Chapman
Saturday night, and he requested
me to write and ask you to say to
the members of the Bethel chorus,
that there will be no more expense
to the members in carrying on the
work for the coming Festival than
there was on the last, except the
price of the music, also that the
members of the chorus will be en-
tertained at Portland at the com-
ing Festival. The patron list he
feels sure can be handled by the
members of the chorus without
any trouble. He hopes to hear
that the good work is going for-
ward, and that everyone is inter-
ested.

Someone told him that the im-
pression had gone out to the mem-
bers of the Bethel chorus that the
expense was going to be heavy this
year. I trust this explanation will
be satisfactory to all parties.

Yours truly,
Homer N. Chase.

You'll Use at Least 1/2 Less
of F. W. Devoe & Co's Best Mixed
Paint, than of cheaper grades. It
covers 1/2 better and wears 1/2 longer.
Hastings Bros. sell it.

Communication.
Please accept our congratula-
tions on the success of your neat
little sheet, as it is coming more
and more into favor with the
reading public. May it continue
until every tramp in the land
will seek its columns for the latest
news from Bethel Lock-up, where
constable H. C. Barker is at pre-
sent, bringing that class before
every twenty-four hours, and are
receiving sentences of sixty to
ninety days at hard labor in our
county jail.

T. L.
Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.
If you want to quit tobacco using easily
and forever, leavide well, strong, magnetic,
full of wonder and vigor, take No-To-Bac,
the wonder-worker, that makes weak men
strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days.
Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your
druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or
\$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad.
Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A thought, thoroughly mastered,
helps master other thoughts.

OUR YOUNG READERS.

Hidden Pictures.

Our young readers will perhaps
be amused to learn that the maps
which they daily study, often bear
in outline, a striking resemblance
to common objects of nature or art.
For example, Italy is often said to
resemble an old-fashioned cavalier
boot, which, if they look on their
map, they will at once see is not
all imagination. Now can not
some of the little students of geog-
raphy tell us what the following
portions of land and water are
most like, with a little of our help
to puzzle them all the more?

The resemblance of the "Black
Sea" to an article of common wear,
bows and all, that not one of you
would like to spare of a frosty
morning, is quite remarkable.
Bleeding Cuba resembles a bril-
liant colored, bright-eyed, harm-
less little creature, loving warmth
and sunshine, but seen in this lat-
titude often after a warm rain. The
Sea of Japan is like a long-eared
animal, not always in good repute
among the farmers, but held in
high esteem on the dinner table.
The Okhotsk Sea has not altogether
a fanciful resemblance to the head
of another animal noted for elon-
gated auricles which "I" will leave
you to guess. Lake Ontario is like
an aquatic animal noted for intel-
ligence, and whose skin is of great
mercantile value. New Guinea re-
sembles a species of bird, native of
Africa and Madagascar, but com-
mon in most parts of Europe and
America, with a harsh, peculiar
cry, and always at it. Turkey, I
have already told you, and the
likeness of Lake Erie is found in
it, and that of Long Island by its
side. Now look carefully on your
maps and tell us what you see.

Anoka, Minnesota, Dec. 10th, 1897.
Dear Mr. Editor:

I just made up my mind I
would write you a letter. I hope
you will find time to read it. I
am quite a big, little girl nine
years old last October. I go to the
Washington school, and I am in
the third grade. I study arithme-
tic, spelling, language, reading,
penmanship, music and drawing.
We play games and tell
stories every Friday afternoon.
We spelled down to-day and I
spelled them all down; I like to be
the last one up.

I take music lessons and talk
French with sister Francis Joseph
at the convent; I always say,
"Bon soir, Soeur Francis." She
is one of my best friends. I went
sliding on my sled Thanksgiving
day. When I was coming home
the part that you sit on jumped
up and hit my lip and made me
almost cry. We are going to have
a Christmas tree at our school and
a castle with real Santa Claus in
it at our church. I live almost
two thousand miles from Bethel.
Perhaps I will go down East next
summer with my mamma; if I do
I will visit you I guess; I will in-
quire until I find you. Ceylon
Rowe always gives me bananas
and candy, and so does his
brother. I always have the hap-
piest time in the world when I go
down to Grandpa Foster's. I love
the mountains and the frogs, and
my dog Major, and the cows and
everybody there. Will some little
boy or girl take a number under
eight, double it, double it again,
add six to it, add six more, take
away the number first thought of
and your answer will be three if you
did it right. I wish you a "Merry,
merry Christmas."

I am your little friend,
Marjorie V. Hammons.
Anoka, Minn.

Students of the German lan-
guage will appreciate the follow-
ing clipping sent up from Nova
Scotia by Miss True, for the bene-
fit of the readers of the News.

A Dresden paper, the Weidmann,
states that among the Hottentots (Hot-
tentots) the kangaroos (Beutelratte)
are found in great numbers. Many
of them wander over the country, free
and unmolested; others less fortunate
are taken by hunters and put in cages
(Kotter), provided with covers (Latten-
gitter) to keep out the rain. These
cages are called Gerding Latten-
gitterkotter, and the kangaroo, after
his imprisonment, takes the name
of Latten-gitterkotterbeutratte.

One day an assassin (Attentat) was
arrested who had killed a Hottentot
woman, Hottentotmutter, the mother
of a small and snattering child in
Stratortrottel. This woman, in the
German language, is entitled Hottentot-
trottelmutter, and her assas-
sin takes the name Hottentotstratortrottel-
mutterattentat. The murderer was
confined in a kangaroo's cage
—Beutelattentatgitterkotterbeutratte,
whence a few days later he was recapt-
ured by a Hottentot, who presented
himself at the mayor's office, with
bearing face.

"I have captured the Beutelratte,"
said he.
"Which one," replied the mayor,
"we have several."
"The Attentatstratortrottelgitterkotter-
beutratte," said he.

"Which Attentatstratortrottel-
beutratte are you talking
about?"

"About the Hottentotstratortrottel-
mutterattentat."

"Then why don't you say at once the
Hottentotstratortrottelmutterattentat-
trottelgitterkotterbeutratte?"
The Hottentot died in dismay.

PREMIUM No. 6.
\$45 SEWING MACHINE FOR 26 NEW
SUBSCRIBERS.

Don't sew by hand when you
can get a machine for a few days'
work. We have secured about
1500 subscribers and still there are
25 left for you. We are anxious
for you to get them and have given
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Gould's Academy Notes.

Several new students at the
Academy Monday, making the at-
tendance the largest of any win-
ter term in recent years.

Prin. F. E. Hanscom has been
invited to read a paper before the
Maine Pedagogical Society at Augus-
ta, the last week in December;
topic, "Place of our Academy in
our School System."

The evening drawing class at
the Academy, taught by W. Stan-
wood Field, contains upwards of
thirty members.

Hard pine sheathing has much
improved the looks of the ceiling
of the upper hall, small recitation
room, and laboratory.

Arrangements have been made
to heat the gymnasium, and sys-
tematic practice will be taken by
the students during the winter
months.

Chamber's Cyclopaedia of Eng-
lish Literature has been added to
the Reference table by Prin. Hans-
com, for the use of the literature
classes. The class in English has
also purchased a Webster's
International Dictionary for the up-
per room. Who will make the next
contribution?

Robert Bisbee of the Junior
class has been absent from school
for several days on account of ill-
ness. Students and teachers will
be glad to see him again in his ac-
customed place.

The following papers and ma-
gazines are now found in the Ac-
ademy Reading Room: Boston
Daily Herald, Portland Daily
Press, Lewiston Daily Journal,
New York Herald, (tri-weekly),
Bethel News, (Oxford Democrat),
Youths' Companion, Journal of
Education, (Gorham Mountaineer,
Berlin Reporter, Scientific Ameri-
can, Outlook, (Rumford Falls
Times, Berlin Independent, Musi-
cal Record, Great Round World,
McClure's Magazine, Literary Di-
gest, Self Culture, Review of
Reviews. Those marked with a star
are contributed gratis by the pub-
lishers, to whom the students
wish to extend their hearty
thanks.

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In 1-2 S. P. ROBIE STORE.

P. S.—C. O. Morrell was for 18 years at the corner of Main and
Lisbon Streets and the signs appear there now. Do not be deceived by
them.

Miss E. E. BURNHAM

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If You are looking for PRACTICAL
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Do you wish something dainty?

Ask to see the
NOVELTIES IN JEWELRY.

Do not fail to see the large line of
Handkerchiefs
at reasonable prices.

In the
MILLINERY
DEPARTMENT

I shall make a specialty of
trimmed
HATS & BONNETS
ranging in price from
\$2 to \$3.50.

E. E. Burnham.

Do Not HESITATE
to inquire for articles not in dis-
play.
We can please the most fas-
tidious.
A word on Corsets. You will
find at our
CORSET DEPARTMENT
a representative line of the just-
ly celebrated
Royal Worcester
Corsets.

It would be folly for us to attempt
to put in print all that might be said
in favor of these goods. Our trial
will convince any lady that they
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STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, ss:
Court of County Commissioners,
Adjourned Nov. Session, 1897.
And now on the 1st day of said session,
it is ORDERED: That notice be given all
parties interested by publication in the
County papers, that the Commissioners
will be in session at the Court House in
said County on Friday, Dec. 31, 1897, at 10
o'clock, A. M., when a hearing will be given
to all interested parties in the matter of es-
tablishing a place or yard where tramps and
prisoners can be put to work breaking and
crushing stone.
Attest:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

What reader of the Bethel News
will form the largest number of cor-
rect words from the letters contained
in the words Camera Contest?

To the one sending the
Largest List
before Dec. 31, accompanied by ten
cents, I will give a nice Pocket
Kodak camera; to the second, a
watch, and to all others a piece of
silverware or jewelry.
Every One Gets a Prize.
E. J. GAREY, So. Bethel, Me.

RENT YOUR HOUSE?
Sell Your House?
Hire Help?
Try the News Want column.
24 words 1 week, 25c.
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